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Middle Paxton Township

MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 09, 2015

The March 09, 2015 meeting of the Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Liz Rodda. The following members were present: Gary Deimler, Ralph Stone, Jeff Smith, Don Morse and Bill Kotkiewicz. Also present was Julie Seeds, Recording Secretary and Elijah Yearick, Representative from Tri County Planning Commission.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Morse moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 09, 2015, Seconded by Mr. Stone, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Joint Comprehensive Plan Update - Mr. Jeff Smith reported the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee at their last meeting reviewed the overall results from the Community Survey. It appears from the results the residents who completed the survey are quite satisfied with the Township and Borough with their current zoning. A few suggestions from the resident surveys were discussed. The Committee will continue to discuss in depth the survey results and move towards a draft of the Joint Comprehensive Plan. The next Joint Comprehensive meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015.
2. Ms. Seeds reported there is no additional information at this time in regards to the Cellco/Verizon and the Fort Hunter Zoning Hearing cases that were both appealed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Floodplain Amendment, Ordinance 2015-01 - Ms. Seeds handed out copies and reviewed the history of the Floodplain Ordinance. The amendment will clarify and 'clean-up' language to previous amendments to the Ordinance. After review of the documents and the proposed Ordinance 2015-01, the Planning Commission called for a Motion. Mr. Morse moved to recommend Ordinance 2015-01 as drafted by the Township Solicitor contingent upon a favorable review by Tri County Regional Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Kotkiewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Dauphin County Outreach Meeting – Ms. Seeds reported that she and Liz Rodda attended the Dauphin County Outreach meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The Outreach meetings are held to update all interested parties on Dauphin County Planning Commission events, programs, and grants. The main topic of the meeting that was held on February 21, 2015 was about the attack of the mini cell towers. These are towers that can be placed on light poles or buildings and also in rights of ways. Tri County Planning Commission and CapCOG are working together to make municipalities aware of this issue and suggest a review of their current ordinances.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Rodda expressed how informative the Dauphin County Outreach meeting was and recommends anyone that has time to make the meetings to do so. In addition Ms. Rodda reported that she and Ms. Seeds were given a tour of the Derry Township Building by the Derry Township Manager, Paul Negley. It was a very thorough and fascinating tour that also included the Derry Township Police Department that is also housed in the building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. *Mr. Deimler moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mr. Morse. The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectively Submitted,

Julie A. Seeds
Recording Secretary